

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

~~PLAINTIFF~~ VALVE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

~~DEFENDANT~~ LEIGH ROTHSCHILD,
ROTHSCHILD BROADCAST
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, LLC, DISPLAY
TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, PATENT ASSET
MANAGEMENT, LLC, MEYLER LEGAL,
PLLC, AND SAMUEL MEYLER,

~~Defendant,~~

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-1016-JNW

~~MODEL~~ **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

Complaint Filed: 07/07/2023

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the protection it affords from public

disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal.

2. “CONFIDENTIAL” MATERIAL

“Confidential” material shall include the following documents and tangible things produced or otherwise exchanged: ~~[The parties must include a list of specific documents such as “company’s customer list” or “plaintiff’s medical records;” do not list broad categories of documents such as “sensitive business material”]~~, including, but not limited to: internal marketing analysis, product schematics and technical documents, personal identifying information, settlement negotiations and settlement agreements, licensing negotiations and license agreements, pre-suit investigations and communications between the parties and counsel, strategic business plans for licensing campaigns, financial records and profit and loss statements, employee records, marketing presentations, and all other types of documents that are typically kept confidential and not shared with the public or third parties in the ordinary course of business.

3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential material.

However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

4.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement. Confidential material

1 must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures
 2 that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

3 4.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered
 4 by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any
 5 confidential material only to:

6 (a) the receiving party’s counsel of record in this action, as well as employees
 7 of counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

8 ~~(b) — the officers, directors, and employees (including in-house counsel) of the~~
 9 ~~receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the parties~~
 10 ~~agree that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney’s Eyes Only and is so~~
 11 ~~designated;~~

12 ~~(e)(b)~~ experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this
 13 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

14 ~~(d)(c)~~ the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

15 ~~(e)(d)~~ copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of
 16 confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service
 17 instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to third parties and to immediately
 18 return all originals and copies of any confidential material;

19 ~~(f)(e)~~ during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
 20 reasonably necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound”
 21 (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court. Pages of
 22 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential material must
 23 be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted
 24 under this agreement;

25 ~~(g)(f)~~ the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
 26 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

1 4.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing or
2 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party,
3 in accordance with Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(A), to determine whether the designating party will
4 remove the confidential designation, whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion
5 to seal or stipulation and proposed order is warranted. During the meet and confer process, the
6 designating party must identify the basis for sealing the specific confidential information at issue,
7 and the filing party shall include this basis in its motion to seal, along with any objection to sealing
8 the information at issue. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and
9 the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material
10 under seal. A party who seeks to maintain the confidentiality of its information must satisfy the
11 requirements of Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(B), even if it is not the party filing the motion to seal.
12 Failure to satisfy this requirement will result in the motion to seal being denied, in accordance with
13 the strong presumption of public access to the Court's files.

14 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

15 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party
16 or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take
17 care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate
18 standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material,
19 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the
20 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
21 unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

22 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are
23 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to
24 unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses
25 and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

26 If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated for

1 protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other parties
2 that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

3 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this
4 agreement (see, *e.g.*, second paragraph of section 5.2(b) below), or as otherwise stipulated or
5 ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must
6 be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

7 (a) Information in documentary form: (*e.g.*, paper or electronic documents and
8 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings),
9 the designating party must affix the word “CONFIDENTIAL” to each page that contains
10 confidential material. ~~If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,~~
11 ~~the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (*e.g.*, by making appropriate~~
12 ~~markings in the margins).~~

13 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial proceedings: the parties
14 and any participating non-parties must identify on the record, during the deposition or other pretrial
15 proceeding, all protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony
16 after reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving the
17 transcript of the deposition or other pretrial proceeding, designate portions of the transcript, or
18 exhibits thereto, as confidential. If a party or non-party desires to protect confidential information
19 at trial, the issue should be addressed during the pre-trial conference.

20 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place
21 on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word
22 “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection,
23 the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

24 5.3 Designation of Source Code Material: To the extent a producing Party believes that
25 certain Protected Material qualifying to be designated CONFIDENTIAL contains computer source
26 code the producing Party may designate such Protected Material as “RESTRICTED

1 CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CODE.” A document that merely quotes or cites filenames, line
2 numbers, directory names, module names, class names, parameter names, variable names, function
3 names, method names, and/or procedure names (e.g., for notetaking or identification purposes)
4 without reproducing any lines of source code is not a Source Code Document and need not be
5 designated “RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CODE” but should be designated
6 “CONFIDENTIAL.” For Protected Material designated RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL
7 SOURCE CODE, the following additional restrictions apply:

8 (a) Access to a Party’s Source Code Material shall be provided only on
9 “standalone” computer(s) (that is, the computer may not be linked to any network, including a
10 local area network (“LAN”), an intranet or the Internet). The standalone computer(s) may be
11 connected to (i) a printer, or (ii) a device capable of temporarily storing electronic copies solely
12 for the limited purposes permitted pursuant to paragraphs 10 (k and l) below. The hardware and
13 software specifications of the stand-alone computer(s) (e.g., processor speed, RAM, operating
14 system, and monitor) shall be commensurate with that of computers used by the producing Party
15 to work with source code in the ordinary course of business. Additionally, the stand-alone
16 computer(s) may only be located at the offices of the producing Party, the offices of the producing
17 Party’s outside counsel, or other location mutually agreed upon by the producing Party and the
18 receiving Party. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to determine a mutually acceptable
19 location for the stand-alone computer(s);

20 (b) The receiving Party shall make reasonable efforts to restrict its requests for
21 such access to the stand-alone computer(s) to normal business hours, which for purposes of this
22 paragraph shall be 8:30 a.m. through 6:00 p.m, Monday through Friday, local time where the stand-
23 alone computer(s) are physically located, excluding any local holidays. However, upon reasonable
24 notice from the receiving party, the producing Party shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate
25 the receiving Party’s request for access to the stand-alone computer(s) outside of normal business
26 hours. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith such that maintaining the producing Party’s

1 Source Code Material at the offices of its outside counsel shall not unreasonably hinder the
2 receiving Party's ability to efficiently and effectively conduct the prosecution or defense of this

3 Action:

4 (c) The receiving Party shall provide the producing Party with notice of its
5 intent to inspect the stand-alone computer(s) at least ten business days prior to any inspection. The
6 notice may state that the review will continue from day-to-day as needed. The receiving Party shall
7 provide the name(s) of the individual(s) who will be attending the inspection.

8 (d) The producing Party shall provide the receiving Party with information
9 explaining how to start, log on to, and operate the stand-alone computer(s) in order to access the
10 produced Source Code Material on the stand-alone computer(s). The receiving Party's personnel
11 are prohibited from bringing outside electronic devices, including but not limited to phones,
12 computers, flash drives, cameras, or other hardware into the room with the stand-alone
13 computer(s). The hosting facility for the producing Party shall provide a secure location to store
14 personal electronic devices;

15 (e) The receiving Party's outside counsel and/or expert shall be entitled to take
16 notes relating to the Source Code on a stand alone computer with a current widely used word
17 processing program, for purposes of enabling the receiving Party's outside counsel and/or experts
18 to take notes relating to the Source Code, but may not copy any line of Source Code into the notes;
19 however, function names, variable names, parameter names, and other individual identifiers
20 derived from Source Code, do not, by themselves, constitute a line of Source Code. Any notes
21 relating to the Source Code will be treated as "CONFIDENTIAL." The receiving Party shall be
22 able to copy the notes from the note taking computer onto a recordable device at the end of each
23 day of inspection under the supervision of the producing Party;

24 (f) The Producing Party shall load its Source Code in a text-searchable file
25 format, as it is kept in the ordinary course of business, on the Source Code Computers. The
26 receiving Party may request that the producing Party install licensed software on the Source Code

Computers to assist with review of the producing Party's Source Code. Such request shall be subject to the approval of the producing Party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. To allow the Producing Party reasonable time to prepare the Source Code Computers, the receiving Party must provide the Producing Party the computer medium (e.g., CD, DVD, USB drive, or FTP) containing the requested software tools at least seven (7) days in advance of the inspection. The producing Party will install and confirm installation of said software on the Source Code Computers prior to the date the receiving Party seeks access.

(g) Access to Protected Material designated RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CODE shall be limited to outside counsel and up to three (3) outside consultants or experts¹ (i.e., not existing employees or affiliates of a Party or an affiliate of a Party) retained for the purpose of this litigation and approved to access such Protected Materials. A receiving Party may include excerpts of Source Code Material in a pleading, exhibit, expert report, discovery document, deposition transcript, other Court document, provided that the Source Code Documents are appropriately marked under this Order, restricted to those who are entitled to have access to them as specified herein, and, if filed with the Court, filed under seal in accordance with the Court's rules, procedures and orders;

(h) To the extent portions of Source Code Material are quoted in a Source Code Document, either (1) the entire Source Code Document will be stamped and treated as RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CODE or (2) those pages containing quoted Source Code Material will be separately stamped and treated as RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CODE;

(i) Except as set forth in paragraph 10(m) below, no electronic copies of Source Code Material shall be made without prior written consent of the producing Party, except as

¹ For the purposes of this paragraph, an outside consultant or expert is defined to include the outside consultant's or expert's direct reports and other support personnel, such that the disclosure to a consultant or expert who employs others within his or her firm to help in his or her analysis shall count as a disclosure to a single consultant or expert.

1 necessary to create documents which, pursuant to the Court's rules, procedures and order, must be
2 filed or served electronically;

3 (j) The receiving Party shall be permitted to make a reasonable number of
4 printouts of Source Code Material, but no more than 25 pages of consecutive source code, all of
5 which shall be designated and clearly labeled "RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE
6 CODE," and the receiving Party shall maintain a log of all such files that are printed; all printouts
7 shall be given to the producing Party for inspection and within five (5) business days of such
8 provision, the producing Party shall provide three (3) bates-stamped paper copies of such
9 unobjected pages to the receiving Party;

10 (k) Should such printouts or photocopies be transferred back to electronic
11 media, such media shall be labeled "RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CODE" and
12 shall continue to be treated as such;

13 (l) If the receiving Party's outside counsel, consultants, or experts obtain
14 printouts or photocopies of Source Code Material, the receiving Party shall ensure that such outside
15 counsel, consultants, or experts keep the printouts or photocopies in a secured locked area in the
16 offices of such outside counsel, consultants, or expert. The receiving Party may also temporarily
17 keep the printouts or photocopies at: (i) the Court for any proceeding(s) relating to the Source
18 Code Material, for the dates associated with the proceeding(s); (ii) the sites where any
19 deposition(s) relating to the Source Code Material are taken, for the dates associated with the
20 deposition(s); and (iii) any intermediate location reasonably necessary to transport the printouts or
21 photocopies (e.g., a hotel prior to a Court proceeding or deposition); and

22 (m) A producing Party's Source Code Material may only be transported by the
23 receiving Party at the direction of a person authorized under paragraph 10(e) above to another
24 person authorized under paragraph 10(e) above, on paper or removable electronic media (e.g., a
25 DVD, CD-ROM, or flash memory "stick") via hand carry, Federal Express or other similarly
26 reliable courier. Source Code Material may not be transported or transmitted electronically over a

1 network of any kind, including a LAN, an intranet, or the Internet. Source Code Material may only
 2 be transported electronically for the purpose of Court proceeding(s) or deposition(s) as set forth in
 3 paragraph 10(i) above and is at all times subject to the transport restrictions set forth herein. But,
 4 for those purposes only, the Source Code Materials may be loaded onto a stand-alone computer.

5 (n) All copies of any portion of Source Code Material in whatever form shall
 6 be securely destroyed if they are no longer reasonably necessary in these Actions (e.g., extra copies
 7 at the conclusion of deposition). Copies of Source Code Material that are marked as deposition
 8 exhibits shall not be provided to the court reporter or attached to deposition transcripts; rather, the
 9 deposition record will identify the exhibit by its production numbers.

10 5.35.4 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
 11 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's
 12 right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a
 13 designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated
 14 in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

15 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

16 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of
 17 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality
 18 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic
 19 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to
 20 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the
 21 original designation is disclosed.

22 6.2 Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute
 23 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding confidential
 24 designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration
 25 or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other
 26 affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The certification must list

the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the material in question as confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

7. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that party must:

(a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed confidential material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material, (c) inform the

1 person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this agreement,
 2 and (d) request that such person or persons execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
 3 Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4 9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED
 5 MATERIAL

6 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently
 7 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the
 8 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision
 9 is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or
 10 agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. The parties agree to the
 11 entry of a non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) as set forth herein.

12 10. ~~NON~~ TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

13 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving
 14 party must return all confidential material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and
 15 summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction.

16 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all
 17 documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence,
 18 deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work
 19 product, even if such materials contain confidential material.

20 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a
 21 designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

22 11. PROSECUTION BAR

23 Any person who receives competitively sensitive technical information of another Party or
 24 third party that is designated “RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CODE” or designated
 25 “CONFIDENTIAL.” in this Action shall not engage, directly or indirectly, in drafting or amending
 26 patent claims before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) or any foreign patent office

1 that are directed to cloud based content distribution systems, including, but not limited to, the use
2 of distributed network server platforms to deliver media content. The prohibition set forth shall
3 end one year after the conclusion of this Action, including all appeals. To avoid any doubt, the
4 prohibition set forth does not apply to representation of a party in any reissue protest, *ex parte*
5 reexamination, post-grant review, *inter partes* review, or any other contested proceeding in the
6 USPTO or any foreign patent office, except to the extent that the representation includes directly
7 or indirectly drafting or amending patent claims.

1 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

2 DATED: _____
 3 Attorneys for Plaintiff

4 DATED: _____
 5 Attorneys for Defendant

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 7 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 502(d), the production of any
 9 documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or information, whether inadvertent or
 10 otherwise, in this proceeding shall not, for the purposes of this proceeding or any other federal or
 11 state proceeding, constitute a waiver by the producing party of any privilege applicable to those
 12 documents, including the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, or any other
 13 privilege or protection recognized by law. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum
 14 protection allowed by Fed. R. Evid. 502(d). -The provisions of Fed. R. Evid. 502(b) do not apply.
 15 Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a party's right to conduct a review
 16 of documents, ESI or information (including metadata) for relevance, responsiveness and/or
 17 segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production. -Information produced
 18 in discovery that is protected as privileged or work product shall be immediately returned to the
 19 producing party.

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 21 DATED: _____

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 23 _____
 24 [Name of Judge]
 25 United States District Court Judge
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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of
 _____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of
 perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was
 issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on [date] in the
 case of _____ ~~[insert formal name of the case and the number and initials
 assigned to it by the court]~~. *Valve Corporation v. Rothschild et al*, 2:23-cv-01016-JNW (W.D.
 Wash. July 7, 2023). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated
 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to
 sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in
 any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person
 or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the
 Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective
 Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____